

The Goodword
Book of
Quran
People
For Kids

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GOODWORD

How to Use this Book

The Quran is a book of guidance. It tells us to worship Allah and do good works so that He may be pleased with us. Apart from that the Quran is full of exciting stories, adventures, teachings and prayers, which show Allah's love for us and explain what He requires from us as believers and as His sincere servants. This book deals mainly with the many people and nations mentioned in the Quran. Some of the people were great prophets. Some formed tribes or nations. Some were kings and queens. Some were good and pious, while others were wicked and sinful.

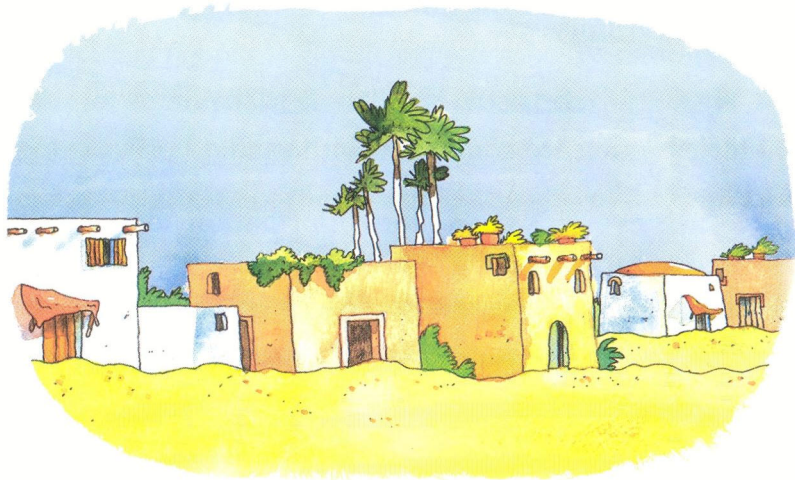
In telling the stories of these people, the aim of the Quran is to tell us how to live in this world. These stories thus act as warning to us, show us the right way and stop us from doing bad things.

This book contains biographies of almost all the people mentioned in the Quran. Every biography consists of 6-8 parts.

1. **Name**—It gives the name of the person or tribe.
2. **Biography**—Some biographies are short, and some are long. It depends on how much detail is given in the Quran about that person or group of persons. Each biography focuses on the message and lessons that we can receive from it. This is to help us to become good believers.

Abdullah ibn Ubayy

Abdullah ibn Ubayy was a leader of Madinah's hypocrites and pagans (*munaḡiqun*). He pretended to be with the Muslims but was never on their side. He had secretly hated the Prophet Muhammad since the time of the Hijrah. He dreamt of becoming the ruler of Madinah and saw the Prophet's growing popularity and strength as a threat. Therefore, he worked against him and the interests of the Muslims.



He plotted against the Muslims with various Quraysh leaders and Jewish tribes like the Banu Nadir. It was his treachery which was mainly responsible for the defeat of the Muslims at the battle of Uhud. At the last moment, he turned back from the battleground along with his 300 men. He also played a major role in spreading lies about the Prophet's wife, Aishah.

In spite of his treacherous acts, the Prophet did not allow his Companions to kill him. When he died, the Prophet himself led his burial prayer.

- ▶ **Moral:** Jealousy and wrong ambition lead to evil. Hypocrites should not be trusted.
- ▶ **Key Events:** Battle of Uhud, scandal against Aishah.
- ▶ **See the Quran:** *At-Tawba* 9:84; *An-Nur* 24:11-12 *Al-Munafiqun* 63:8.
- ▶ **See in this book:** *Al-Munafiqun*.
- ▶ **Study Question:** Why did Abdullah ibn Ubayy hate the Prophet Muhammad?

Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum

Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum, a blind man, was one of the early converts to Islam. He once came to the Prophet Muhammad to listen to the Quran while the Prophet was busy explaining it to the pagan Quraysh. The Prophet did not like his untimely arrival and spoke abruptly to him. Allah did not like this and *Surah* 80, *Abasa* (He Frowned), was revealed which expressed Allah's displeasure at the Prophet's attitude. Since then the Prophet always treated Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum with great respect. He even appointed him the Governor of Madinah.

- ▶ **Moral:** One should not be rude to anyone at any time because Allah does not like this. Rank and position do not make anyone superior to any other.
- ▶ **Key Events:** Revelation of *Surah 80, Abasa* (He Frowned).
- ▶ **See the Quran:** *Abasa* 80:1-12.
- ▶ **Study Question:** Why did Allah become unhappy with the Prophet?

Abraha

Abraha was the Ethiopian Christian King who ruled Yemen in 6 A.D. He decided to destroy the Ka'bah and set out for Makkah with an army of sixty thousand soldiers and a dozen elephants. The Makkans were helpless and unable to protect the House of Allah. At that time a flock

